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## HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### NOTIFICATION

The 20th January, 2024

No.1678—HUD-REFM-SCH-0021/2024/HUD.— In order to strengthen the water quality monitoring & surveillance in the water supply system starting from intake to consumer tap across the State, Government in Housing & Urban Development Department has been pleased to constitute a **Water Quality Assurance cell (WQAC)** with a specialized team for regular supervision and surveillance of Water Quality Monitoring activities independent of Public Health Engineering Organisation (PHEO) & WATCO. The scope of work of the **WQAC** will cover the following aspects:

- i. To review and monitor water quality related activities of PHEO & WATCO.
- ii. Recommend improvements in the water quality monitoring framework & modalities and ensure its implementation.
- iii. To get an online portal developed and ensure real time updating and reporting of water quality data from all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- iv. Prepare and submit City level, Division & State level water quality monitoring reports to the Department on regular basis.
- v. To develop standard operating procedures for water quality monitoring & its adherence by PHEO & WATCO.
- vi. To examine water quality related incidences and recommend mitigation measures.
- vii. To review, inspect and monitor functioning of water quality testing laboratories including lab on wheels.

2. The **WQAC** will be headed by a **Principal Advisor (Water)**, who will be responsible for overall functioning of the cell with direct reporting to Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary to Government, Housing & Urban Development Department. He will be supported by a PMU with following team composition:



- i. Advisor (Water Quality)
- ii. Water Quality Specialist
- iii. IT & MIS Specialist
- iv. Technical Associate
- v. Administrative Assistant

Retired personnel from Departments of State/ Central Government or PSU/ Autonomous bodies with adequate seniority & similar experience will be engaged as the Principal Advisor (Water/ Advisor (Water Quality) at the WQAC as per Finance Department Office Memorandum No.24533/F., dated                      the 29th September, 2022 for engagement of retired personnel. the other members of the PMU will be hired on out sourcing/ contractual basis from open Market.

3. All expenditure of WQAC will be borne by WATCO.
4. This has the approval of Hon'ble Chief Minister in OSWAS file No. HUD-REFM-SCH-0021/2024.

By Order of the Governor  
G. MATHI VATHANAN  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government